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"Mr. Speaker, it is written that we are to grieve with those who grieve and mourn with those who mourn. And it's in that spirit today that I rise to honor a hero - Chief Warrant Officer Brian Hazelgrove. Warrant Officer Hazelgrove is the son of Ron and Patty Hazelgrove of Edinburgh, Indiana, a small town just a stone's throw from my home. Where I'm sure today in Sherman's barber shop and elsewhere there is genuine grief and sadness at the loss of this 1994 graduate of Edinburgh High School.

"Warrant Officer Hazelgrove joined the Army in that year of 1994. He began his service in military intelligence before becoming a pilot and serving two tours of duty in South Korea. He was serving in the Third Squadron, Seventeenth Air Cav Regiment from the Tenth Mountain Division in Fort Drumm, New York.

"He died this January 23, 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom when his OH-58D Kiowa Warrior Helicopter went down 31 miles south of Mosul, Iraq. He was bravely executing a combat mission at the time. Warrant Officer Hazelgrove, Mr. Speaker, died like every other American soldier throughout our nation's history - bringing hope and freedom to a people who had never known it before.

"On behalf of the people of the 6th Congressional District, I extend my deepest sympathies and prayers to the family of Chief Warrant Officer Hazelgrove - to his lovely wife Kimmie and their four children - Taylor, 11; Zachary, 10; Brandon, 3; and Katelyn, 7 months. Indiana and America mourn the loss of this heroic American -Chief Warrant Officer Brian Hazelgrove."

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